

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **May 28, 2009** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Signor, Parker and Rodriguez
(Commissioner Lauritsen has resigned)

Staff Present: Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Sgt. Riley Harwood, Lt. Dave Whitham,
Acting Fire Chief Andy DiMizio, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Dean
Sylvies, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Police Technician
Holly Michels and Secretary, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Rodriguez to approve minutes of **April 23, 2009**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

(See Agenda item #8)

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Tom Parker and Danny Signor attended the Council Budget Hearing
- Parker explained the intent of his comments at Council and stated that he wanted to be supportive of the department and felt his comments were misunderstood

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. ANTI GANG PRESENTATION (Previously item 10)

- Sergeant Aaron Baker; Ofc. Miller & Ofc. Gonzalez; gave a Power Point presentation on gang/anti gang activity in Santa Barbara
- Hispanic street gangs; Eastside & Westside are the primary ones
- 400-600 gang members in Santa Barbara; 12-25 years old
- Gang members from other communities come during Fiesta, 4th of July, etc.
- Tension escalating between gangs
- Not many guns, mostly knives, bats, etc.
- Sgt. Baker and 6 officers comprise the gang suppression team; 7 day coverage
- Sgt. Gaona runs the Youth Services detail; 2 detectives, another Sergeant and SRO
- Lots of good kids out there

- Minimal gang activity in Entertainment District; very rare; very little gang problem in the evening downtown
- Ofc. Gonzalez said violence goes up and down; down some after Gator Roll
- Chief Sanchez said his team is doing a great job; Chief said during Fiesta/4th of July other police department gang units (not in uniform) come in to assist
- Entire department (140 officers) has been trained to be gang officers

8. NIGHTCLUB DANCE PERMIT RENEWAL AND ADDITION OF CONDITIONS FOR Q'S

Present: Shaun Lager, Mgr. & David Houston, owner

Present: Zannon, Resident; Kay Morter, Mgr. Holiday Inn Express; Tamara Erickson, Hotel Santa Barbara; Susie Thompson, resident, all spoke against renewing the dance permit for Q's Sushi A Go-Go.

MOTION: Rodriguez to approve renewal with conditions

VOTE: 3 yes, 1 no (Parker) motion passed

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9. WILDLAND FIRE PLAN PRESENTATION

Present: Ann Marx and Joe Poire

Ann Marx gave an in depth report on the Wildland Fire Plan and gave handouts of a Power Point presentation to the Commissioners:

- Overview
- Implementation
- Preplanning/Evacuation
- Defensible Space Inspection/Enforcement
- Vegetation Management
- Program Outcomes
- Cost for Program Outcomes (\$800,000)
- Benefit Assessment District
- Wildland Fire Plan/Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District
- Current Funding (\$419,000)

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Introduction of Dean Sylvies, Acting Deputy Fire Chief
- Commissioners presented a copy of the post incident action summary for Jesusita Fire
- Thanked Commissioners for their support in the budget presentations
- 6 females in operations; 1 Capt., 4 Engineers, 1 Firefighter
- Org Chart will be sent to Commissioners
- Recruitment Fair held 200-300 potential applicants
- Department at full staff

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Budget presentation to Council successful
- June officer testing to take place; 800 applicants/400 will test
- 2 to graduate from June 26 Academy; one is the class Sergeant; swearing in on 6/25 in the Jury Room (probably 3:00)
- Gangs are the highest priority; all 140 officers trained as gang officers
- 415 FI (Field Incident) cards last year; 741 FI cards so far this Fiscal Year

- Double homicide being worked on
- 2 murder cases and attempted murder going to trial
- Cold Case Unit is working on 2-3 cases from 15 yrs ago; working with Mexican authorities to see if they will assist
- South Coast Gang Task Force is meeting monthly
- Crime Stats to be sent to Commissioners monthly, starting in July
- Priority 1 calls – 6 minute response time; Priority 2 calls – 12 minute response times
- SBPD has “0%” backup with rape kit issue
- LA DOJ losing 6 people
- Another “Gator Roll” type operation is in the development process; working with Probation, Parole & Sheriff’s Dept.
- Org Chart will be sent to Commissioners

At the end of the meeting the Commissioners voted unanimously to start all future meeting at 4:00 pm.

12. ADJOURN: 6:20